

REPORT
OF THE
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND

August 31, 1943.

To His Excellency
HERBERT R. O'CONNOR,
Governor of Maryland.

I present herewith, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 9 of Article 19 on the Annotated Code of Maryland, a report of the fiscal operations of the State of Maryland for the nine months' period from October 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943. The termination of the fiscal period at June 30th is in conformity with action taken at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly changing the fiscal year, so that in the future the year will begin July 1st and end June 30th. The State's fiscal year now coincides with the fiscal year of a majority of the states as well as that of the Federal Government. The change was made primarily to allow more time for the preparation of the budget, since in the past the time between October 1st and the convening of the General Assembly in January did not permit a full study being made of budget requests, revenue estimates and other matters entering into the preparation of the budget.

The State was fortunate in having at the close of the fiscal period a surplus somewhat larger than what was estimated in the budget passed at the 1941 Session of the General Assembly, originally intended for the biennium ending September 30, 1943, but terminated at June 30, 1943, by action of the 1943 Session as above mentioned. The surplus in the general fund at June 30, 1943, was \$12,600,931.95, or more than ten million dollars in excess of the working fund of two million dollars which it has been customary for the State to carry. This increase in surplus was due to two things; the revenues exceeding estimates and reverting of unused appropriations.

The budget passed at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly makes appropriations for maintenance of the State Government for the biennium beginning July 1, 1943 and ending June 30, 1945. The unusual demands upon the State Treasury during that period caused appropriations to exceed estimated revenues, resulting in the use of a large part of the excess surplus existing at June 30, 1943. The fiscal picture for the next biennium may be summarized as follows:

Surplus June 30, 1943.....	\$12,600,931.95
Estimated receipts in fiscal year ending June 30, 1944.....	\$23,841,046.00
Estimated expenditures in fiscal year ending June 30, 1944.....	30,379,306.85
	6,538,260.85*